

**Remarks**

Claims 1-20 (all pending claims) have been cancelled and replaced by new claims 21 to 25, which correspond to and are supported by claims 22-26 of the grandfather application (i.e., U.S. Application No. 09/312,421) and which were the subject of a restriction requirement imposed by the Patent Office in that application.

Examination and consideration of the application as amended is requested and allowance of claims 21-25 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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